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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1901.

Call for Democratic Convention.

The democrats of the several townships of Marshall county are hereby called to meet on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1901.

for the purpose of appointing delegates to Thirteenth congressional district convention to be held in South Bend on Wednesday, January 8, 1902, the object of said district convention being to elect a member of the state central committee for the ensuing two years.

Each township is entitled to the following number of delegates:

Union 2
Center 4
Green 1
Bourbon 2
Tippecanoe 1
German 1
North 1
Polk 2
West 1
Walnut 2

Total 18
Said meetings in each township shall be at 1:30 o'clock and at the following places to-wit:

Union at Culver.
Center at Plymouth.
Green at Whitpoorwill school house.
Bourbon at Bourbon.
Tippecanoe at Tippecanoe.
German at Bremen.
North at Lapaz.
Polk at Tyner.
West at West school house.
Walnut at Argos.

At said meetings each township is requested to select a member of the county central committee from each voting precinct and report the names of such committee members selected to the secretary of the county central committee. C. C. VINK, Chairman.
HARRY E. GRUBE, Sec.

Call to Democrats.

"The democrats of the state will meet in delegate convention in their several congressional districts on Thursday, Jan. 2, 1902, for the purpose of selecting a member of the state central committee for the ensuing two years. The basis of representation, fixed by the state central committee, will be one delegate for each 200, or fraction over 100, of the vote cast for John W. Kern, for governor, in 1900.

"The places of meeting of the several districts are as follows:

First District—Evansville.
Second District—Linton.
Third District—New Albany.
Fourth District—Columbus.
Fifth District—Terre Haute.
Sixth District—Cambridge City.
Seventh District—Indianapolis.
Eighth District—Bloomington.
Ninth District—Frankfort.
Tenth District—Lafayette.
Eleventh District—Wabash.
Twelfth District—Fort Wayne.
Thirteenth District—South Bend.

delegates from the several counties shall be elected at the time and in manner prescribed by the chairman of each county.

The chairman of each district will designate in his call the hour at which a meeting in his district will be held. "The persons selected at the several meetings to serve as members of the state central committee, will meet at 8 o'clock, in the city of Indianapolis, on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1902, at 10 o'clock for the purpose of organization. By order of the committee,
"PARKS M. MARTIN, Chairman.
"H. H. HAWKINS, Secretary.

Center Township Convention.

democrats of Center township meet in convention at the court house in Plymouth, on Saturday, Dec. 28, 1901, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of selecting four delegates to

attend the congressional district convention which is to be held at South Bend Thursday, January 2, 1902. A county central committee from each precinct of said township will be selected; also a township committee. BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE

The Washington Times says: "The American people are politically differentiated today only by questions of economics. Eliminate the tariff and its children, the trusts, and it would be difficult to find a topic upon which could be based any sort of a quarrel between the two parties into which the American people are divided."

The Plymouth Democrat objects to Senator Stephen B. Fleming or William H. O'Brien being elected chairman of the democratic state committee, for the reason that they are assumed to believe that the free and unlimited coinage of silver is a "d-d barre" idealism. Well, if the coinage question is still the paramount issue, then Fleming and O'Brien ought not to be considered. If no longer in issue, both are entirely eligible. Brother McDonald, good-hearted, clever fellow that he is, ought to be a trifle conciliatory. What use is there, anyway, in being spiteful or revengeful, politically or otherwise?—South Bend Times.

Five republican members of the house of representatives—McCall, Littlefield, Heatwole, Eddy and Stevens—voted against the Philippine tariff bill, which passed the house Friday by a vote of 163 to 127. These gentlemen take the ground of the protesters in the Porto Rican case, and though the supreme court has since declared that congress has the right to do what it did with reference to Porto Rico, Mr. McCall and his friends have not changed their minds. In other words they now dissent from the decision of the supreme court. This is their right, and in view of the character of the court's decision one cannot but feel that the congressmen are as likely to be right as was the court. At any rate the gentlemen are under no obligation to abandon their views. For the question is political as well as legal. And even if it be treated simply as legal, it is proper for congress to refuse to exercise a power even though the supreme court has said that the power exists.—Indianapolis News.

Managers of the Democratic party in the state will find by wise and conservative action in the formation of committees it will be an easy matter to reunite the party, but they will also find it very easy to widen the breach and make united action impossible. Abuse will never recall the men who stepped out of the party ranks for what they thought were good and sufficient reasons, and without their recall there is not much hope for success. Neither can they be recalled under the leadership of those who spent their time in offensive criticism of the recalcitrants. Such leadership will only stir up additional animosity and prevent all hope of unity of action. The leaders must be known as men of character and worth, as well as democrats who stand by the party because of its basic principles and who are always ready to do something for it without reward, and who are never abusive of those who disagree with them on the non-essentials of the party faith. With such committee men and with a carefully and honestly selected ticket, composed of men of recognized good character, the party can go forward to victory and be united for good.—Michigan City Dispatch.

GAGE HUMILIATED.

Secretary Gage has announced his intention of withdrawing from President Roosevelt's cabinet. Dispatches tell of his humiliation on account of being ignored on various occasions by the president in matters that he should have been consulted upon. It seems that there is no tact nor diplomacy in Roosevelt's make-up. Hence such broad men as Secretary Gage cannot hold portfolios under him and retain their own self-respect. With the president he wants to be understood as about the whole cloth. President McKinley was diplomatic and rarely gave offense to any one. The difference between the two men is

apparent. McKinley was a leader of men; Roosevelt is a driver of men. It is not difficult to foresee the end.

BEAUTIFUL HARMONY.

With the estrangement existing between the old line republicans and the Roosevelt faction such that men of the high standing of Secretary Gage and Secretary Long can no longer retain their portfolios and with the snubs and reprimands already dished out by the president to Dewey, Schley and General Miles, who are so unanimously honored by the people for their generalship, at a time when a national crisis was at hand, it would appear that the beautiful harmony existing among the republican leaders is anything but realistic. All this and we haven't even mentioned the brotherly affection for the president by Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana.

Truth's Democratic Platform.

The Elkhart Truth, edited by Mr. C. G. Conn, presents this platform for consideration:

Among such other issues as the democratic party may deem wise and essential to public welfare, Truth recommends that the following suggestion be enlarged upon and incorporated in the democratic platform for the coming national and state campaigns.

NATIONAL ISSUES.

Aggressive congressional legislation curbing the power of such industrial, commercial and transportation combines as seek to transact an interstate business, also compelling them to publish full and comprehensive reports of their affairs every three months in a sufficient number of newspapers to give the public a proper understanding of their business operations.

An intelligent and impartial revision of our tariff laws by competent experts for the purpose of revenue only and the preservation intact of our present American rate of wages.

A discontinuance as soon as practicable of the policy of acquiring territory outside the boundaries of the United States.

STATE ISSUES.

A rigid enforcement of our laws taxing the property and business interests of all corporations doing business within the boundaries of the state.

A two-cent per mile passenger fare on all railroads within the state limits.

A prohibition of the sale in open markets of all articles manufactured by convict labor that comes in competition with the products of free labor.

A law prohibiting the sale in any form of adulterated food products. Also a law forbidding the sale of oleomargarine and its kindred products except as such, also their use in public eating places except when it is properly labeled so that patrons may know what is being furnished to them.

The Truancy Law.

"The board of state truancy has, after considerable correspondence, obtained reports from every one of the 108 truant officers for the second year, 1900-1901. These officers report as having brought into school 25,025 children at a cost of \$27,885.50. The cost of assistance rendered poor children was \$19,801.48, or a total amount of \$47,686.98. It is observed that the average expense in bringing these children into school was \$1.11, and the average expenditure for each child helped, to enable it to attend school was \$2.23. One hundred and ninety-nine prosecutions were undertaken for violations of the law. Of these 192 were successful and 37 were not so. Of the 25,025 children brought into the schools, 23,391 were reported as attending public schools and 1,634 as attending private or parochial schools. There were 8,852 reported as having received aid; of these, 8,380 attended the public school.

The Single Permanent Labor Leader.

The brotherhood of locomotive engineers is the one labor organization of the country that is found today where the steady progress of half a century should find such a body. Chief P. M. Arthur is the only labor leader out of a score who were as prominent as he twenty-five years ago who is today in the position that he held at that time. Other unions and other leaders have disappeared with a rapidity that gives the pessimist among the workmen the right to shake his head at Associations and Federations and the Amalgamated this and that succeed each other in bewildering succession, with Powderly and Debs and Gompers and Shaffer each rising to a brief day of prominence and power which the first overthrow clouds.—W. R. Merrick in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for January.

Elkhart's Good Fortune.

A. H. Beardsley, of Elkhart, has turned from New York, where he conferred with Andrew Carnegie, relative to increasing his gift for the Carnegie library \$10,000. Mr. Carnegie allowed Elkhart \$5,000 more making the total \$35,000, that the building may be made more nearly fire-proof and other improvements provided.

It Is Postmaster Wiseman.

Dr. B. W. S. Wiseman has been appointed postmaster at Culver to succeed Henry Spyer. There was a lively contest.

To Cure Cold in One Day.

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CUT-THROAT BUSINESS.

Fittingly Characterized as Hurtful and Demoralizing.

A sensible business man recently remarked to the publisher of this paper that there was too much cut-throat business going on in this city. By that he meant to say that too many business men are so anxious to sell goods that they sell them at cost or even for less than cost. He says he has known goods to be sold at retail for 25 percent less than they can be bought for in carload lots. In these days of strong competition men engaged in business must be content with small profits, but they should have a profit on every sale. The idea of undertaking to capture a man's trade by selling him a few things for cost or for less than cost with the expectation of making the loss good on the sale of other articles is a mistaken one. In the first place it is not fair to other patrons of the firm; in the second place you have no assurance that the party will appreciate your generosity. He may buy elsewhere the things you expected to sell him. All successful business men understand that there must be a profit above all expenses. Otherwise the business cannot continue and the proprietors cannot live and pay their debts. Every business house in a town that is run on the plan of making sales at a profit, if you can, and if not, making sales regardless of cost, will eventually bring its owner to bankruptcy, and while it is doing that will injure all of its competitors. Every sensible farmer is willing to pay a merchant a reasonable profit; but when the merchant puts the price too low, or allows his clerks to do so, the farmer is not to blame if he buys at such figures. It is the business man's place to say whether it is acceptable or not. The cut-throat game is a poor one for any man to engage in and it ought to be discouraged and denounced by all classes of men.—Columbia City Post.

Depauw on the Upgrade.

At a joint meeting of the board of trustees and visitors of Depauw university Chancellor Hickman reported that \$5,000 has been expended this year on a heating plant and on sewerage. The chancellor reported the progress that is being made on the Minshall library and also reported that the collections for educational purposes taken up by the different conferences in the last year showed an increase of several hundred dollars. These collections go to what is known as the "sustaining fund." The chancellor's report also showed the sale of about \$28,000 worth of nonproductive real estate. The report spoke further of an increasing interest on the part of the Epworth league and conferences in the welfare of the university.

The report of President Gobin showed the attendance to be between five and six hundred. It referred to the discipline and inner life of the university, telling of a marked spirit of industry and obedience prevailing in the institution. The report also spoke of the new professors that have been added to the faculty, pointing to the fact that the institution has been fortunate in securing men of strong character and ability. In his report President Gobin recommended the spring and summer terms, especially for teachers.

Three committees were appointed to prepare resolutions of a memorial character. One committee is to prepare resolutions on the death of Clem Studebaker, William Newkirk being selected as chairman. The second committee will adopt resolutions on the death of Dr. Philip Baker. President Gobin is chairman of this committee. The third committee is to take suitable action on the death of D. W. Minshall. Dr. Hickman is chairman of this committee.

Isaac Brown Visits Plymouth.

Isaac W. Brown, of Rochester, the bird and bee man, was in town Friday. He has been traveling throughout Illinois and has been given a hearty reception wherever he has been. Apparently his labors have been remunerative.

Mr. Brown tells us that as it is nearing spring time our farmers should do something to encourage the orchard orioles. We don't destroy these birds, says he, as we do the quail, but we do not appreciate them sufficiently to encourage them. They destroy the insects that prey upon the trees. We should hang cotton strings about the trees for them to use in making their nests, for their nature demands something of the kind. If we would encourage these orioles as we should, says he, our orchards would be bearing fruit regularly and abundantly. Mr. Brown is exceptionally enthusiastic on the bird and bee question.

Selection of Monuments.

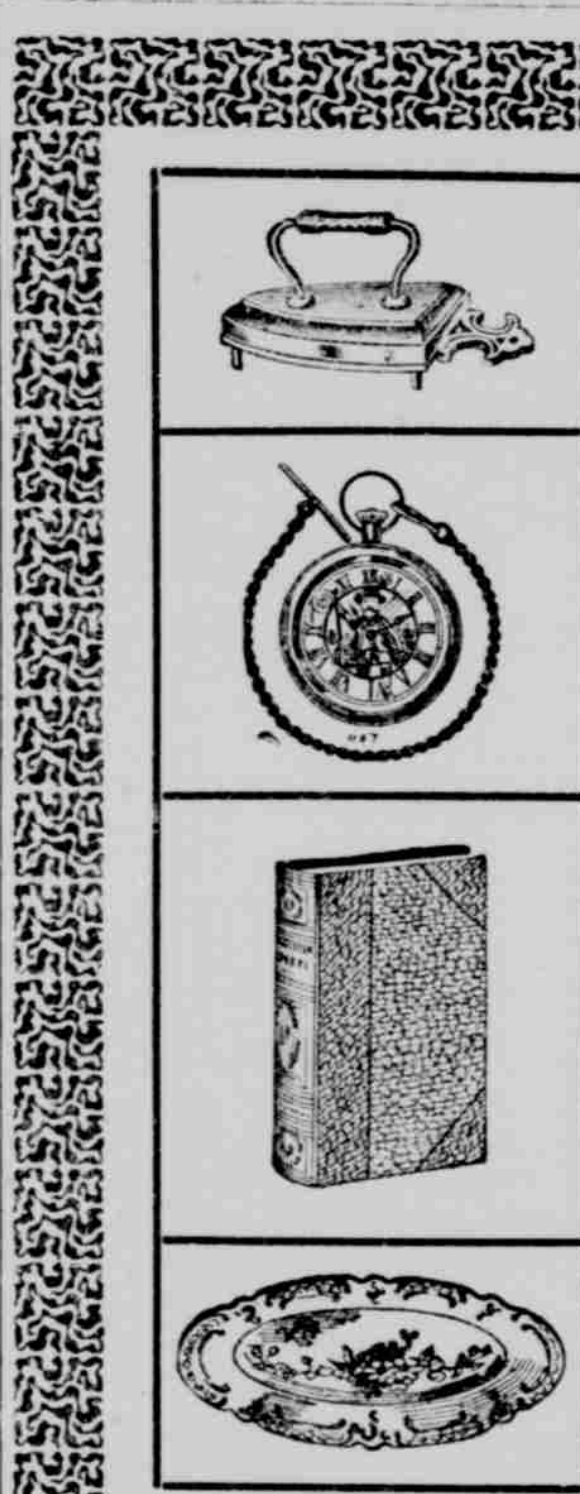
The Indiana Shiloh monument commission, appointed by the last legislature to select monuments for the positions of the Indiana regiments in the battle of Shiloh, which was recently over the battle ground with Gen. Lew Wallace, met at the state house, Indianapolis, Dec. 18, but failed to decide on the designs for the monuments. It is probable that the matter will not be determined before Jan. 1, 1902.

Republican Congressional Convention.

The Indiana state republican committee will meet at Indianapolis January 21 for the election of officers. The conventions for the election of district committee men will be held January 22, the caucuses for the election of delegates January 10 and 11.

Whist Club Entertains.

The Whist club met Friday night at Hill's cafe and the special feature of the meeting was a midsummer picnic. The hall was beautifully decorated in



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evergreen, Japanese lanterns were used to light the hall and hammocks were swung in various places. A regular picnic luncheon was served after which the young people enjoyed a social dance. The fore part of the evening was spent in progressive pedro and Miss Hattie Lauer and Arthur Underwood won the first prize; Miss Ruth Thomson and William Ashton the second prize; and Miss Cora Leonard and Mr. Dukes the booby prize.

George Ray's Case.

A special telegram from Indianapolis says: "It is reported that Senator Beveridge was recently offered \$2,000 by George W. Ray, formerly editor of a paper at Shelbyville and now a convict in the Michigan City penitentiary, if he could influence Governor Durbin to parole or pardon him in time to eat his Christmas dinner at home. It is charged that he wrote the senator and said: 'You ought to get Durbin for \$1,000 and this would leave you \$1,000 for yourself.' Governor Durbin would not discuss the matter but said: 'I will only say this much, that Ray will not eat his Christmas dinner in Shelbyville.'"

Marriage Licenses.

Dec. 20—James B. Sevens, 44, and Miss Eva M. Clevenger, 34, both from Tippecanoe township. Dwight L. Burkett, 22, and Miss Eva Gertrude Dipend, 18.

Dec. 23—Samuel M. Juvett, 79, and Sarah Starr, 73; Omar Swoverland, 21, and Iva L. Hillel, 17; Ora D. Grosman, 23, and George D. Wickizer, 20; Geo. I. Stiver, 21, and Madalena Feitz, 18.

Barnum's Monkeys

"All well—all happy—lots of fun". That is the regular report from the monkey cage of Barnum's Circus ever since the keepers began dosing the monkeys with Scott's Emulsion. Consumption was carrying off two thirds of them every year and the circus had to buy new ones.

One day a keeper accidentally broke a bottle of Scott's Emulsion near the monkey cage and the monkeys eagerly lapped it up from the floor. This suggested the idea that it might do them good. Since then the monkeys have received regular doses and the keepers report very few deaths from consumption. Of course it's cheaper to buy Scott's Emulsion than new monkeys—and that suits the circus men.

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ANNOUNCE THEIR MARRIAGE.

Eldridge Thompson and Daisy Schilt Wedded Two Weeks Ago.

The friends of Eldridge Thompson and Mrs. Daisy Schilt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Bowell, will be surprised to learn that they were married at the Episcopal church parsonage two weeks ago Sunday evening, Rev. Raymond performing the ceremony. It was their intention to keep their marriage a secret for some time yet, but as is always the case, the news leaked out and Monday they confessed. Eldridge has been passing out the cigars and a host of friends are congratulating them. Both young people are popular in society circles.

Mr. Thompson is at present a traveling representative for a school supply concern.

Court Notes.

The following suits were filed with the county clerk Monday:
John Weiss, administrator of the estate of John Loser, deceased by S. J. Hayes, his attorney, against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company of killing of stock.
Ed. R. Monroe, by Martindale & Stevens, his attorneys, for the appointment of a guardian for Joseph Walton.
Ed. R. Monroe, by Martindale & Stevens, his attorneys, for the appointment of a guardian for Annie Walton.
Wm. H. Snider and Dora E. Snider, by Adam E. Wise, attorney, for the adoption of an infant child of Alice Lidecker.

Lucky Valpo Man.

Valparaiso has one resident that came near landing the first prize in the Cincinnati Equine prize contest on the vote cast in Ohio this fall. The total vote cast was \$40,147 and J. B. Lafferty, of that city, made a guess of \$40,297. He received a prize of \$100.

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold. Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, no Pay. Price 25 cents.

Tyner Items.

George Bennett has sold his blacksmith shop to Hiram and Frank Bradley.

Aunt Peggie Wilson is quite sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Barbara Burnside, at Blissville.

Mrs. Snyder has been sick nearly six weeks but is better.

Henry L. Jarrell has gone to Lansing, Mich., as a delegate from Tyner Ancient Order of Gleaners to attend a Gleaner biennial meeting.

Tyner Gleaners will give a pie social Christmas eve.

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